

TURKEY BARRAGES ASSAULT THREATENS

Sultan Prepares to Flee, City as Allied Fleets Hammer at Dardanelles—Coup Is Expected.

Constantinople is the goal of the allied forces in the Levant. And Constantinople is trembling at the fate that may be hers.

Holy relics have been removed to Bosphorus, whither the Sultan and his personal are making ready to follow.

Advantage is virtually evacuated and heavy guns removed to Chatalia, which has been fortified.

It is believed that Abdul Hamid, former Sultan, has been secretly taken into the interior of Asia Minor, as has his son.

It is said the attack on Egypt has been definitely abandoned and the troops recalled to defend the Asiatic side of the straits and Broussa.

No city in the world has stood so many sieges as Constantinople. It was taken and retaken by the Venetian crusaders in the early part of the 15th century.

Constantinople's sky line is picturesque, but within the city it consists of a labyrinth of crooked streets and dirty alleys.

Preparations are being rushed for defense against an attack on the Dardanelles. It is openly admitted that Enver Pasha, the Minister of War, is most unpopular and does not dare to venture out unprotected.

GERMANS GAIN, THEN LOSE ADVANTAGE NEAR RAWA

Fighting increases in intensity as offensive is resumed in Poland.

In the Miasna region the Germans have vainly tried to assume the offensive and severe fighting continues there.

Between the new attacks and the Pilsa River the Germans under Guderian and his heavy guns, attacked in force and were able to make slight gains which, however, they relinquished after a series of counter attacks.

At Lyskov, on the Buzza, the Germans attacked in great force last night, but failed to make any gains.

EMERGENCY AID PLANS Committee Will Decide Today How to Distribute \$50,000.

How to distribute the \$50,000 voted by Council for the relief of the city's unemployed probably will be decided today at a meeting of the Emergency Aid Committee at 133 Walnut street.

KAISER REPORTED WORSE

FORMIDABLE, STRUCK FOREHEAD AND SANK RAPIDLY, 151 SAVED

Submarine. It Is Conceded, Wrecked British Battleship—Country Stunned by Loss.

LONDON, Jan. 2. No naval disaster of the war to date has so depressed Britain as the loss of the second-line battleship Formidable.

There is much under-surface irritation and bitter criticism of the apparent uselessness of the British submarines.

The latest reports received today show that only 151 of the Formidable's crew have been accounted for.

Among the rescued are eight officers and six midshipmen. There were 15 men on board the battleship.

The Chronicle's Brixham (Devonshire) correspondent, who describes the rescue by the trawler, says the captain of that vessel stated that other fishing boats were close at hand.

BRITAIN TO HAVE 800,000 SOLDIERS AT FRONT SOON

Six New Army Corps to Be Added to Forces.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Important news of the reorganization of the British land forces into six armies of perhaps 150,000 men each is reported.

It is supposed, however, that the British army corps are being reformed on the Continental model, which would give a strength of more than 40,000 men of all arms.

KAISER GAINS GROUND ON VERDUN OPERATION

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While the Turkish invasion of Egypt is believed about to collapse, it is nevertheless reported strong forces are moving on the Suez Canal, bearing trains of pontoon bridges to effect a crossing.

GERMAN ADVANCE ON MEUSE IMPERILS VERDUN DEFENSES

Important Gains Made North and South of French Stronghold.

A successful counter offensive movement in the Argonne and between the Meuse and the Moselle, which has not only checked the French advance upon Metz, but has placed the Allies' line south of Verdun in jeopardy, is reported today by the German War Office.

GERMAN NAVAL "NIBBLERS" SNATCH AWAY BRITISH BAIT

PEACE AND WAR



In peace every agency works hard to save an individual's life.



But in war the individual becomes merely fuel in the stove hole of the ship of state.

TURK HOST BALKS AS EGYPTIAN RAID NEARS COLLAPSE

British Ready to Meet Threatened Invasion of African Province—Pontoons to Bridge Canal.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Turkey's invasion of Egypt is threatened with collapse, in spite of the reports that a large force is moving upon the Suez Canal.

While the desultory campaign in Egypt is proceeding, dispatches from Armenia declare the Russians are meeting with successes along the whole line.

MEXICANS TOO BUSY TO HOLD PEACE PARLEY

Convention Proposed for January 10 May Be Postponed Indefinitely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Mexican generals were too busy fighting to hold the "peace convention," scheduled yesterday by Provisional President Gutierrez, according to diplomatic dispatches here today.

ITALY OUSTS GERMAN AGENTS

ROME, Jan. 2.—Three more persons, believed to be agents of Germany and Austria, engaged in forwarding contraband goods into those countries, have been notified by the representatives of the Government that they must leave the country.

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Germany's "nibbling" naval policy has made way with much of the British "bait." The sea losses have been:

Table listing ship losses with columns for Name, Class, Tonnage, Crew, and Date.

VICTORIOUS KING OF THE LOBSTERS DONS CROWN AGAIN

Joe Chambers Wanted to Sleep, But His Subjects Brought a Band to Sere-nade Monarch.

The man who thought he was to be king for only a day is having the glory protracted.

YESTERDAY Joseph Chambers, president and captain of the Lobsters, was monarch of all he surveyed.

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CZAR SWEEPS PAST CARPATHIAN DEFILES TO HUNGARY PLAINS

First Line Troops Force Way Through Icy Passes. Vanguard Captures Several Villages.

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WINNING MUMMERS JOYFUL

Lobsters Win Extra Prize of Girard Avenue Business Men.

Members of the Lobster New Year Club and of the White Cap Association are jubilant today over their success in the mummies' parade.

INTAGLIO PORTRAITS OF GERMANY'S ROYAL FAMILY

AUSTRIAN KAISER CHEERS GARRISON OF PREEMYSL

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin says that the following greeting has been sent by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria to the Przemysl garrison:

Taft Says Japan Has No Designs on Philippines

Ex-President Discredits That Idea and Declares Islands Unfit for Self-Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—With remarkable candor ex-President Taft told the Senate Philippines Committee today that the Japanese do not want the Philippines, and that one or two generations ought to pass before the Filipinos get independence.

NOT WANTED BY JAPAN

The direct question of whether Japan might not seize the islands and take over the country were going to do about it if that country were aggravated by our treatment of Japanese in California was put to Mr. Taft by Senator Hitchcock.

LOSS IN BRITISH TRADE

Clearing House Reports Decrease of \$8,856,780,000 in 1914.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The report of the Clearing House shows that the business for the year 1914 amounted to £14,665,945,000 (\$73,235,000,000), which was a decrease of £1,771,555,000 (\$8,856,780,000) as compared with the year 1913.

TWELVE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

Month of December Disastrous for Empire's Commerce.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A Government report says that German warships in the month of December sank five British steamships, aggregating 15,778 tons.

TRUSSES ELASTIC STOCKINGS

ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS, ETC.

INTAGLIO PORTRAITS OF GERMANY'S ROYAL FAMILY

Recent photographs of the entire reigning family of the German Empire. Reproduced in the beautiful intaglio process on a separate sheet of heavy paper, 10 x 15 inches, suitable for framing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 PUBLIC LEDGER

38 VIOLENT DEATHS IN MORTALITY LIST OF HOLIDAY WEEK

Suicide, Homicide, Fire, Rail, Auto and Trolley Accidents Contribute to Total of 562.

Thirty-eight deaths from violent causes occurred during Philadelphia's holiday week. Six were suicides, seven due to burning, 10 from injuries received by falls and two were homicides.

The total number of deaths during the last seven days was 562, five less than last week and 28 more than during the corresponding week last year.

Eighty-five new cases of diphtheria were reported during this week, 39 more than in the preceding week. Diphtheria caused 14 deaths this week.

Measles..... 1 Hemia..... 1

Diphtheria..... 14 Obstruction of in..... 1

Influenza..... 3 Cirrhosis of liver..... 1

Erysipelas..... 3 Bright's disease..... 1

Scarlet fever..... 25 Congenital deafness..... 1

Typhoid fever..... 12 Typhoid fever..... 1

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